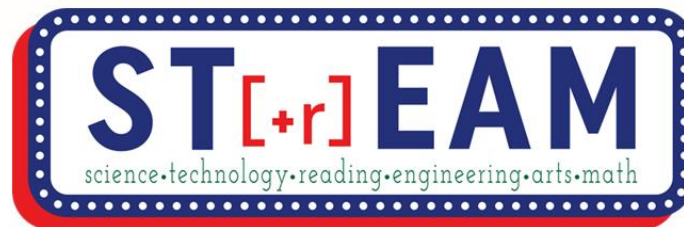


# ESSAY CONTEST



*Fun* **MAKES A COMEBACK**



**OREGON STATE FAIR**

**2021**

# Oregon Essay Competition

## Gathering:

*Technological advancements that bring us together*

### IMPORTANT DATES ENTRY AND RELEASE SCHEDULE

**Online Entry Deadline:**  
By 10 pm, Wednesday, August 18

#### **Online Submissions Only Submission Deadline**

By 10 pm, Sunday, August 22  
Submissions accepted in .pdf format via  
email at [STREAM@oregonstatefair.org](mailto:STREAM@oregonstatefair.org)

#### **Electronic entries will not be returned**

By submitting an entry into the Fair, exhibitors agree to abide by all rules, regulations and entry requirements of the Fair and of the department(s) to which they are submitting entries.

**It is important that exhibitors read and be familiar with the General Rules as well as the Department Rules in this Handbook.**

### ONLINE REGISTRATION AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

#### **ONLINE ENTRY OPENS JULY 15, 2021**

Read the complete rules, division descriptions, and entry information in the Handbook **BEFORE** going to Online Registration.

Go to <https://oregonstream.fairmanager.com>

1. Click **Register** or **Sign In** (for return visits).
  - Register using your First and Last Name and create a password (write password down).
  - Fill in requested information, including email address. Fill in age only if under 18. Click **Continue**.
  - Select **Department** ex.: Oregon Essay
  - Select a **Division** ex.: Oregon Essay 640
  - Select a **Class** ex.: Class 6404 aged 13 - 17
  - Fill in all information for class(es) you are entering, including a brief **Description** if needed.
2. When all your information is complete, click **Add Entry to Cart** and follow instructions to check out. (NOTE: If you think you may want to modify your entries, you may save your current session and check out at a later session. Be sure to **Check Out before the closing date listed for your Department; entries are not submitted to the Fair office until the check-out process is complete.**)
3. Fill in "yes" at the statement to agree to all the terms and conditions of entry as defined in this Handbook.
4. Click **Submit**.
5. Please submit a copy of your detailed online entry receipt **with your entries** when you email them to [STREAM@oregonstatefair.org](mailto:STREAM@oregonstatefair.org).

Please contact us (below) with any questions.

**Oregon State Fair Creative Living Office**

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# GENERAL RULES

1. Oregon State Fair (OSF) competitions are open to residents of Oregon only. Entries do not need to be entered or have won at a county fair to be eligible for any competition.
2. All articles must be the handiwork of the exhibitor and not been previously exhibited in a prior year at the Oregon State Fair.
3. Online entries must be submitted by the date indicated within each Department Handbook. Paper applications will not be accepted. Information must be accurate and complete. Walk-in entries may be accepted during intake days on a limited basis.
4. Entries must be delivered and removed only during the scheduled times. Any exception shall be at the discretion of OSF staff.
5. Entries will receive a claim check upon delivery. Exhibitor must present claim check or valid Oregon ID when picking up entries.
6. Some competitions require an entry fee. See specific departments for fee and processing information.
7. OSF staff or a judge may disqualify or transfer any exhibit which is not a true representation of the class in which it is entered or if rules are not followed.
8. Judging is closed to the public unless otherwise noted. Every reasonable effort is made to secure highly qualified judges with expertise in their field.
9. Entries by OSF staff, volunteers or judges are prohibited in the department in which they are working. They may enter other departments.
10. Ribbons and/or prizes will be awarded as warranted. All judges' results are final. Results cannot be provided over the phone but will be posted online when available. ([www.oregonstatefair.org](http://www.oregonstatefair.org))
11. Protests may be submitted to the Creative Living office accompanied by a deposit of \$25 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protests must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and submitted within 24 hours of the action.
12. Ribbons and scorecards (as available) are provided with return of entries after Fair. See specific departments for return days.
13. OSF is authorized to use any and all photographs, video and or digital images related to the entry for promotional purposes.
14. Exhibitors shall indemnify OSF from and against all claims for damage to persons or property caused by them or their exhibits.
15. OSF will take reasonable precautions to ensure safety of exhibits while on the fairgrounds, but will not be responsible for loss, damage, theft or injury of any kind to exhibits or exhibitors, unless the loss or damage is due to the negligence of OSF staff and volunteers.
16. Exhibitors found in violation of rules, or to be in practices unethical or adverse to OSF, shall be penalized by forfeiture of awards and/or privileges, and removed from the exhibit.
17. Items not picked up by final return days of each department are forfeited by exhibitors.

The Oregon State Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms, conditions, rules and regulations contained in any and all parts of Department Handbooks and to settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Oregon State Fair. OSF further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by General or Competition Rules, and to withdraw award offerings in all Competitions should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.

# Oregon Essay Guidelines

## Gathering: *Technological advancements that bring us together*

### Oregon Essay Contest for 2021

Call for submissions:

People are good at gathering. It is in our nature. We gather to witness love, to celebrate milestones, to worship, to laugh, to entertain, and to mourn. We gather for learning. We gather for business. People are good at getting together, yet at no other time in history have we so altered what it means to gather.

Weddings. Graduations. Birthdays. Funerals. Promotions. School. Over the last months some moments were lost or postponed while others transformed. Even as we were forced to pivot, technology allowed us to stay connected. New language developed. Virtual World, Zoom Fatigue, Distance Learning. New phrases sprung up – think “You’re muted!” Gathering in person, seeing faces not just eyes, sharing a hug or a simple handshake, they all but ceased to exist.

Now, as we emerge, some tentatively and others with great anticipation, let us consider what it means to gather. What has changed? What remains the same? What was lost in those months of social distancing? Was anything gained? Oregonians, we ask you now for your stories of what it means to gather and how technology has supported you. Winners may be invited to read their essays on our Explore Oregon Showcase. All submissions must be original works, unpublished and completed within the 18 months.

## **ESSAY DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. No entry fee is required for this competition.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to 2 entries per class.
3. Exhibits must be submitted via email in .pdf format to [STREAM@oregonstatefair.org](mailto:STREAM@oregonstatefair.org)
4. Exhibitors must be Oregon residents.
5. Entries may be disqualified by the judges if rules are not followed.
6. Exhibitor’s name on the entry must be the person who made the item.
7. All judges’ decisions are final.
8. Submissions must be original, unpublished content.
9. Submissions must follow maximum lengths by Class

# Divisions and Classes

## 640 – Oregon Essay

- 6401 – Essay aged 5 and under  
40 words or less, may include an original picture
- 6402 – Essay aged 6 – 8  
150 words or less, may include an original picture
- 6403 – Essay aged 9 – 12  
600 words or less, may include an original picture
- 6404 – Essay aged 13 – 17  
1000 words or less
- 6405 – Essay aged 18 – 34  
1000 words or less
- 6406 – Essay aged 34 – 59  
1000 words or less
- 6407 – Essay aged 60 and older  
1000 words or less

**We look forward to *reading* your work!**

**If you have questions, please ask!**

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